

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An ND filter comprising:  
a substrate formed of a plastic sheet having a glass transition temperature of at least 120°C, at least 90% of visible light transmittance, and 0.5% or less of turbidity, and  
a deposit film formed on a surface of the substrate.
2. (canceled)
3. (currently amended) An ND filter according to claim 2 1, wherein said plastic sheet is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of polycarbonate resin and a norbornene resin.
4. (currently amended) An ND filter according to claim 3 1, wherein said deposit film includes a Chromel layer, a silicon dioxide layer, and magnesium fluoride layer.
5. (currently amended) An ND filter according to claim 4, wherein said Chromel layer and silicon dioxide layer are alternately deposited, and the magnesium fluoride layer is deposited on a top of the deposit film.
6. (currently amended) A method for producing an ND filter, comprising the steps of:  
placing a substrate formed of a plastic sheet having a glass transition temperature of at least 120°C, at least 90% of visible light transmittance, and 0.5% or less of turbidity in a vacuum chamber,  
evacuating the vacuum chamber to a predetermined degree of vacuum, and

forming a deposit film on a surface of the substrate at a temperature below ~~a~~ the glass transition temperature of the plastic sheet.

7. (canceled)

8. (original) An aperture device comprising the ND filter according to claim 1.

9. (new) A method for producing an ND filter according to claim 6, wherein said deposit film includes a Chromel layer, a silicon dioxide layer, and magnesium fluoride layer.